

Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Archie R. Cole Middle School Cafeteria

100 Cedar Avenue

East Greenwich, RI 02818

6:18p.m. Executive Session, Mr. Green called the meeting to order. Mrs. Winters made a motion to go into executive session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under General Laws of Rhode Island §42-46-5(a) (1) (2) Teacher Negotiations. Dr. Gifford seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Those in attendance were Mr. David Green, Chair; Dr. Deidre Gifford, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Ms. Carolyn Mark; Mrs. Susan Records; Mr. Jack Sommer (arrived at 6:25 p.m.), and Mr. Clark Smith (arrived at 6:26 p.m.). Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent; Mrs. Maryanne Crawford, Director of Administration, and Attorney Matthew Oliverio were also in attendance.

7:13p.m. Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order

The meeting was already in session.

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Recognitions

All recipients were acknowledged and congratulated.

- a. EGHS Unified Volleyball Team- National Champions**
- b. EGHS Boys' Lacrosse Division II State Champions**
- c. Cole National French Contest Winners**
- d. USA Junior Mathematical Olympiad -Hui "Connor" Xiong -EGHS**
- e. Dr. Howard Silversmith, School District Physician**

V. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular and executive for June 4, 2013**

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Ms. Mark, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the regular and executive minutes for June 4, 2013.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Some adjustments have been made to the on-line transportation form. The form will be on-line soon. There are several moving-up ceremonies in the next few days. Meadowbrook will have a ceremony for grade three tomorrow and Frenchtown's ceremony is scheduled for Thursday. Hanaford and Eldredge will run their ceremonies simultaneously on Friday. Cole's commencement is June 24th at 10:30a.m. With the FY2014 financial town meeting last week, the grade three reconfiguration is moving forward with Frenchtown moving to Eldredge and Meadowbrook moving to Hanaford. Yesterday there was an IAP indoor air quality walk-thru at Meadowbrook. This walk-thru was the result of an earlier issue with

moisture collecting on the floor during a hot and humid day. Mr. Sullivan, SBS, was immediately notified about the issue and it was determined it was a normal circumstance due to the high temperature, cool floor, and the traffic of the day with the doors being opened and closed. Dr. Mercurio thanked Mrs. Madden for setting up the IAP walk-thru. The IAP team plans to reconvene in August and possibly do another walk-thru.

VII . School Committee Concerns

There were no concerns.

VIII. Presentation Strategic Support Mentoring Program-Nina Mackta

Nina Mackta provided the Committee with an end of year program evaluation report. She explained the program and noted there are an average of sixty-five mentors per year. Ms. Mackta explained the challenges and successes of the program.

IX. Action Items

a. Appointment- Director of Student Services –Mr. Bradley Wilson

The search for a Director has been ongoing for the past ten months with multiple rounds of interviews. Dr. Mercurio recommends the appointment of Mr. Bradley Wilson as Director of Student Services. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Ms. Mark, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Mr. Bradley Wilson as the Director of Student Services. A meet and greet will be set up for staff members and the community.

b. Approval of Director of Student Services' contract

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Ms. Mark, the Committee voted

7-0 to approve the contract for the Director of Student Services.

c. Third Read/Adoption Policy #2190 Extracurricular Fundraising and Commercial Activities

Dr. Gifford discussed the previous revisions, which included clarifying language surrounding gifts, promotions, and capital expenditures. This third read is to give the public one final opportunity for discussion. Mrs. Osborne asked about the requirements for fundraisers over \$10,000 (#7). Dr. Gifford said the process has not been developed yet. The Superintendent will devise a procedure and will announce the procedure via website or through the principals'. On a motion by Dr. Gifford, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 7-0 to adopt Policy #2190 as revised.

X. Policy-First Read

a. First Read #1210 Statement of Non-discrimination and Equal Opportunity

Ms. Mark gave the Committee an overview of the revisions. The policy was updated to comply with federal and state law. References to federal and state laws were also added. This policy will receive a second read/adoption in July.

b. First Read #4220 Mental Health Policy

Ms. Mark reviewed the revisions to the Mental Health Policy and noted she received helpful feedback from staff and community members. Definitions were added that differentiate mental health at the elementary and secondary level. A process for ongoing evaluation and continuous improvement was added to the policy. A

reference to the BEP (Basic Education Plan) was provided, along with language that ensures the privacy rights to all. Mr. Green said the Policy Committee spent a significant amount of time on language to ensure the policy embodies the district and the School Committee without being too specific. This policy will receive a second read/adoption in July.

XI. Discussion

a. Secondary Schedules

This item was not discussed. It will be discussed at the July meeting. Dr. Gifford would like early release schedules included.

XII. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Dr. Gifford, the Committee voted 7-0 to adjourn at 8:04p.m.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO

SECRETARY